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The SIB is the largest international student association of Groningen. We try to bring Dutch and international students together. At the SIB you'll find the perfect combination of intellectual and social activities. Our committees are the perfect place to build your resume and within our Disputen you can build long lasting friendships. Every Monday night we organise lectures related to international relations. Afterwards we always have drinks and/or parties.
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Dear SIBling,

With much delight, I would like to welcome you to your first year at the Dutch United Nations Student Association, better known as the SIB. Not only is the affiliation with the United Nations an outstanding feature of the association, the SIB also offers a unique balance between the intellectual and fun aspects of student life. This combination makes the SIB much more than just a student association; something I hope you will come to see during the introduction period and the many Mondays of your future SIB life. From now on there will be no better way to start your week than a Monday at the SIB.

The SIB offers a broad range of activities throughout the year. We organize intellectual activities, such as lectures, conferences, and symposia. As the SIB is an association that prides itself on balance and diversity, we also organize social activities such as theme parties, karaoke nights, beer pong, pub crawls, and galas. One way to combine both the intellectual side and the social side of the association is with travel. We organize multiple trips such as our annual SIB trip, (to destinations such as Morocco or Ukraine), the Hitchhiking Competition, the career orientated Europe trip as well as the visit to Brussels and The Hague. When I say ‘we’, I do not only mean the Board, but foremost you as a member of the association. Being a part of the SIB does not only provide you
with the opportunity to attend a broad range of activities but to also organize them by being a member of one of our multiple committees. In this way, you can take the opportunity to develop your skills further and build your CV while having great fun. With this broad variety of activities, the SIB has something for everyone.

Today marks the start of the introduction period, in which you will get to know our association and your fellow SIB members. The upcoming weeks are filled with amazing activities, with Monday night lectures and drinks at its core. There will be the annual camp, the freshman dinner, a committee market, and a running dinner, that will give you the chance to get to know our disputen. Besides all the activities, the introduction period will provide you with the opportunity to meet fascinating, interesting, and lively people from many different nationalities and backgrounds, and foremost make a lot of new friends.

In this booklet, you can read more about the upcoming introduction period and everything the SIB has to offer to you, as a part of the most important entity of our association, a member. We are looking forward to the introduction period and its activities and cannot wait to see you there. If you have any questions, suggestions or just want to relax with a cup of coffee, please feel free to contact us.

On behalf of the Board of SIB-Groningen,

Emilia Roder
President
SIB-Groningen Board 2020-2021
The SIB is known for combining the social and intellectual sides of student life in Groningen. Every Monday night we invite prominent speakers to the SIB, such as members of the European Parliament, NATO or UN officials and even cabinet ministers. During these lectures, workshops or symposia we discuss all kinds of topics, ranging from fake news to climate change and European politics. We begin every Monday night at 20:00 with a lecture and afterwards we always have drinks, starting around 21:30. Everybody is welcome to join!

Throughout the year, we also organise lots of parties and other social gatherings: cocktail nights, day trips, BBQs and much more. At the SIB you can have a drink (or more), talk about the lecture, socialise or dance the night away, all in one evening.
We start off with two months full of lectures, with amazing speakers, and lots of other exciting activities, like Diplomats Dinner and our trip to The Hague. These activities are a great way to make a lot of new friends. Come by as often as you can! This is the best way to get to know the other members and learn all about the SIB.

As a member of the SIB you will find out that participation is never mandatory. You can decide for yourself which activities you want to go to! As a first-year member you can join an introduction group and have dinner with both new and older members. Afterwards you will head to the SIB lectures and drinks together!
AUGUST

17 AUG.
Introduction Day 1
Intellectual Speed Dating

19 AUG.
Introduction Day 2

27 AUG.
Handover GMA
Members Only!

31 AUG.
Lecture by the Mayor of Groningen

SEPTEMBER

7 SEPT.
Freshamn Dinner
Symposium on the Global Economy

9 SEPT.
Disputen Hunt
Members Only!

14 SEPT.
Lecture by the Estonian Ambassador
Committee Market

21 SEPT.
Lecture on the Rise of IS in Africa

23 SEPT.
Running Dinner
Members Only!

OCTOBER

24 SEPT.
Policy GMA
Members Only!

28 SEPT.
Diplomats Dinner

5 OCT.
Inauguration

12 OCT.
Lecture by David van Weel

14 OCT.
Committee Training
Members Only!

19 OCT.
Symposium on Climate Change

26 OCT.
Lecture by the Irish Ambassador

29 OCT.
Symposium on the Role of Art and Design at the UN

2 NOV.
Lecture on Religion and IR

3 NOV.
US Presidential Election
Night Night
**FRESHMEN DINNER AND LECTURE**

Monday 7 September

We will start off the year with a dinner with all the freshmen. After the dinner you can join us for a Symposium on the Global Economy and of course for the drinks afterwards.

**COMMITTEE MARKET**

Get to know all of our committees during this evening! After the lecture former committee members are present to tell you all about their experiences.

**DISPUTEN HUNT**

Wednesday 11 September

During this evening you will have the opportunity to get to know our different disputen. In small groups you will visit several pubs and have a drink with them.

**GMA**

Thursday 27 September

GMA stands for General Members’ Assembly. All our members are invited to learn about everything the Board is doing. At this GMA, we will discuss the Policy Plan for the up-
RUNNING DINNER

This is the second night you will have a chance to get to know all the disputen. All disputen will cook different meals for you and you can come by to taste these!

INAUGURATION

During the Inauguration all first-year members will become official SIB members. We will end this night with a fabulous party!
BECOME ACTIVE!

There are many opportunities to become active within the SIB, both on the social side and the organisational side. By joining a committee you will get the chance to organise anything, from a trip to a conference or a smashing theme party to a yearbook auction! It is getting more and more important to develop yourself next to your studies. By doing committee work, you can gain organisational skills, set up fun activities and have an awesome experience together with your fellow committee members! And as a bonus it will look very good on your CV!

OUR COMMITTEES

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AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee is the only committee within the SIB that you cannot apply for. The members of this committee are usually former Treasurers and are asked to join. They check the annual budget and update the rest of the association about the current financial status of the SIB. They also advise the current Treasurer.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The Activities Committee organises several intellectual activities throughout the year. These can be lectures, debates, and symposia with a wide range of topics and lecturers. Do you want to organise interesting intellectual activities for your fellow SIBbers? Then apply for the Activities Committee and give your organisational skills a

BAR COMMITTEE

Our bar heroes make sure we are supplied with beer and other drinks during all SIB activities. The committee consists of older members who know the association and its members.
**DIES NATALIS COMMITTEE**

The Dies Natalis Committee organises a yearly conference to celebrate the SIB’s birthday. This is a day filled with many interesting lecturers and workshops about an international topic. Do you want to organise this captivating conference? Then apply for the Dies Natalis Committee!

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**EDITORIAL COMMITTEE**

The SIBylle is the magazine of our association. Four times a year the Editorial Committee fills its pages with articles about recent events, interviews, and other pieces. If you have good writing or designing skills, this is the committee for you!

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**FESTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

The Festivities Committee organises many great parties throughout the year, as well as the introduction camp in September. This committee gives you the opportunity to organise social events for the SIB, and get to know a lot of people. Do you want to organise awesome parties and a great introduction camp? Then the Festivities Committee is a perfect fit!
GALANT GALA
Every year the SIB organises a great gala in cooperation with other associations: the Galant Gala! This gala is a highlight of every SIB year. You can be part of this committee on behalf of the SIB and decide on the theme, location and entertainment! Always wanted to organise a gala? Then this is your chance!

INTEGRATION NIGHT
Every year the SIB co-organises the Integration Night. This night is organised for all international and Dutch students in Groningen to get to know each other and the Groninger student life better.

INTRODUCTION COMMITTEE
Did you enjoy the intellectual activities during your introduction period? Would you like to organise them yourself? Then the Introduction Committee is made for you! In this committee you organise the lectures of the first two months of the academic year. Interested? Sign up!
KEI COMMITTEE

The KEI-week is an awesome start to your first year as a student. Of course, the SIB is also present during this week, with a programme full of parties and activities. The KEI Committee organises these activities and makes sure the SIB is visible throughout the week. That means organising parties, karaoke, and many other activities! Do you want to express your creativity, organise an amazing KEI-week, and have awesome parties? Then join the KEI Committee!

PR COMMITTEE

Our PR team makes sure that you know exactly what our association entails and what activities we organise. They design promotional material like posters, stickers, clothing, pens and balloons. They also think about the best ways to promote the SIB in general. They do this through big publicity stunts, for example. Are you creative and do you have fun, crazy and spontaneous ideas? Then the PR Committee is the place for you to be!
TRAVEL COMMITTEE

Every year the SIB goes on a big trip to a destination far away. During this trip we visit international institutions, but we also have fun activities such as exploring the nightlife and experiencing the amazing culture of the countries. The Travel Committee chooses the destination and is responsible for the organisation. Every year about five members organise this amazing trip! The committee is quite a lot of work, so if you’re motivated to work a whole year towards organising the trip of a lifetime, then join!

YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

Every year the Yearbook Committee makes a wonderful yearbook in which we look back on the past year. In the yearbook you’ll find all the highlights, gossip and other stories of the last year. The committee has a lot of freedom in its work and is to come up with any creative stunts, interviews, and articles! An amazing yearbook is something people will look back to even years after they finished their studies. So do you want to make a piece of SIB history? Then apply for the Yearbook Committee!
PROJECT GROUPS

In addition to committees, the SIB has several project groups. Currently, the project groups are formed by members of the disputen.

BRUSSELS

Every other year the Project Group Brussels organises a three-day excursion to Brussels! It is a weekend filled with visits to international organisations, partying and specialty beers. This trip is organised by Dispuut Max Haveloos.

DIPLOMATS DINNER

This project group organises SIB’s very own Diplomats Dinner. Annually, ambassadors travel to Groningen to talk with students while enjoying a nice dinner. This is the perfect opportunity to learn more about the life and work of a diplomat! The Diplomats Dinner is organised by Dispuut BOEF.

EUROPE

This project group will organise a career-oriented trip to a European city. During this trip you will have the opportunity to visit companies and other organisations and discover which career options would suit you. The Project Group Europe consists of members from the Disputen Eo Sensu and Metropolis.

HITCHHIKING COMPETITION

This project group organises an annual hitchhiking competition to a big European city. Besides a great hitchhiking experience, you have an awesome weekend in the city itself. We will visit international organisations, explore the city, and discover the nightlife. The hitchhiking competition is organised by Dispuut GIST.
The SIB has many great disputen which you can join. Disputen are a typically Dutch student phenomenon. They are groups of members who get together during the week to enjoy dinner and a drink. They are close friends, who like to hang out next to SIB activities. For example, they will meet for coffee at the Harmony Building, go away on trips in the weekends and organise so-called 21 dinners. By joining a dispuut you will get close friends with whom you can have a lot of fun both at and outside the SIB! On Wednesday 9 September the Disputen Hunt will take place and on Wednesday 23 September the Running Dinner. These events are a perfect way to get to know the disputen!

Want to know more? Then contact the Commissioner of Internal Communication (comminternal@sib-groningen.nl) or any other Board member!
BEBO

Established in 2019, Bebo is the newest dispuut within SIB. What started as a close group of friends, developed into an amazing, even closer dispuut. We love drinking, discussing, dancing, eating and chilling together. Every Wednesday evening we come together to eat delicious food and drink delicious wine. But, there is also a big chance you run into us around Club Kiwi on Monday nights; as a super active and enthusiastic dispuut, our members are always present. Consisting out of 8 opinionated individuals, we’re always on the lookout for people who dare to be themselves. Eternal fun? Bebo is your go-to dispuut!

BOEF

We are BOEF. What is a BOEF, I hear you ask? Well, BOEF is the one and only all-female Dispuut of SIB-Groningen. We can usually be found inside each other’s houses, enjoying some really good food. Although we do not like to adhere to traditional female stereotypes, we do all enjoy cooking. And most importantly: eating. That is why a BOEF dinner usually lasts about five hours and includes many bottles of wine. A traditional BOEF-night starts late, way too late, and with everyone entering with a ‘is there wine yet?’. If you want to know more, just ask one of us!
GIST
As the SIB’s only Gentleman’s Dispuut, we have distinct, pungent culture. Our Wednesday nights mainly consist of shouting controversial statements, scolding our youngest members and reminiscing the past, which was objectively better. We are a club bound by diversity and tradition, valuing especially the Rule of Law. Our activities, like hitchhiking, drinking, and playing myriad of self-developed games, can be described as somewhere in between fraternal and homoerotic. But don’t take my word for it; come and speak with us! What is the worst that could happen?

EO SENSU
We are Eo Sensu, a dispuut known to some, but still mysterious to many. Here is a short introduction: we are the oldest dispuut of SIB-Groningen, and our name freely translates to, “one vision”, but don’t let that fool you. Our dispuut is currently a group of 13 men and women, with 5 different nationalities and 9 different study programmes. A typical dispuut night for us involves drinking several bottles of red wine and discussing topics ranging from international politics to the pros and cons of owning a communal garden and planning which dance floor in the city to conquer next. If you are interested in becoming one of our guppies, or learning about us, feel free to chat with one of us on a Monday night!
Mancala

Mancala is, first and foremost, the boardgames dispuut of SIB. No Wednesday night passes by without at least one game being played together. Furthermore, we have little to no rules or obligations for our members. All this has made us probably the most diverse dispuut of SIB, with the highest ratio of internationals to Dutch people. Feel like joining us? Ask anyone at SIB playing cards as a non-drinking game, they’ll either be one of us or know all about us.

Max Haveloos

Max Haveloos is the best mixed Dispuut since 2010. As you can see, our dispuut is already nine years old. Next year we will celebrate our lustrum with an amazing trip. In Groningen we are represented by twelve active members; nine women and three men. We love to have dinner together and we often go hit the city afterwards with a small group. The best way to end a Dispuut night is by going to the 9e cirkel and ending the night with a delicious breakfast at the Hasret. Besides Groningen we have members throughout the Netherlands and all over the world. This year you can find us in a few Dutch cities, as well in Togo, Hamburg, Denmark and Portugal. You can always ask us about our dispuut in person when we are adding some flair to the SIB parties and events.
METROPOLIS

Who are Metropolis? Great question! There is no one quick and easy way to explain us. Metropolis is a home away from home. Our Wednesday nights are filled with laughter, fun and occasionally inexplicable situations. We have the best activities! From our legendary annual weekend in Borger to visiting Metropolitanen who venture abroad. From going wild at carnival in Limburg to our own MEME-Trip or MAMA-day (you’ll have to ask!). There’s always fun to be had! We are excited to be celebrating our second Lustrum in 2020, all the years we’ve had and will have together :)

QUE

5 years of QUE this year. Our first lustrum as they call it, a very special year. We were the first international disput and pride ourselves in this fact. We have this saying ‘we do weird better than you’ and we live by this. QUE nights are cacophonous shout fests matched by no other and only intelligible to insiders. We love each other to the core and our holidays to Ukraine and Poland, Romania, Sicily and Turkey are to be remembered forever by our members. We also consistently have provided a Board member ever since our foundation.. Just sayin’.
PARDON?!
Dear aspiring member! We’re Dispuut Pardon, the Dispuut for former Board members. A year on the Board is hard work, so once it’s finished you fall down a deep, black, seemingly endless hole. And then we are there to pick you up, dry your tears and welcome you in our ranks. Moreover, we constantly keep an eye on the current Board and provide it with advice that it may or may not have asked for. To top it off, we have an almost unhealthy love for the province of Groningen: its language, culture and culinary marvels. Don’t hesitate to have a drink with us if you’re interested in what happened “in our year”!
### RECENT LECTURES

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HITCHHIKE TO TRIER

Hitchhiking from Groningen to Trier showed to be a confusing task... In the end, however, everyone arrived safely. We visited several institutions, discovered the city with a ‘Shitty Tour’, and drank the night away.

CAREER TRIP

During this trip we traveled to Copenhagen, where we had a busy schedule visiting institutions and exploring the city. We enjoyed some great buffets together and learned our fair share about Danish spelling during the city tour.

SIB TRIP!

Unfortunately due to COVID-19 there was no SIB trip. But last year, we visited Romania, Moldova, Ukraine, and Berlin all in a 12 day trip. There were a lot of currencies, nice dinners, (night)trains, institutions, and especially a lot of vodka!
The Board manages the association from day to day. They are responsible for almost everything that happens at the SIB. Every year a new Board is chosen, with every Board member having a specific task within the team. Some are full-time, some are part-time, but they all work at the Office at the top floor of Pelsterstraat 23. You can stop by all weekdays from 13:00 till 15:00 for a chat! Committees and project groups assist the Board in organising activities. The Board members are present during all drinks and activities of the SIB.

**PRESIDENT**
The President leads the Board and the association. An important task is making sure that communication and cooperation amongst Board members goes smoothly. The President chairs the weekly Board meetings as well as the General Members’ Assembly (GMA). Besides all this, the President is the face of the SIB and tries to represent the SIB, both internally and externally, as well as possible.

**SECRETARY**
The Secretary is in charge of all incoming and outgoing mail of the association, the members’ administration, the minutes and necessary paperwork for the General Members’ Assembly, and all other administrative tasks.

**TREASURER**
The Treasurer is in charge of all the association’s finances. This includes bookkeeping and other parts of the financial administration. He is also responsible for making budgets and financial settlements. The Treasurer is always in touch with all entities of the association, to make sure that all money is spent in the right way.
COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL COMMUNICATION

The Commissioner of Internal Communication is in charge of contact with the members. He does so by communicating with the different committees, project groups and disputen, but also by just having a chat with members during drinks or an activity. If you want to have a talk, she is the person to go to, whether it is SIB-related or not.

COMMISSIONER OF INTELLECTUAL ACTIVITIES

The Commissioner of Intellectual Activities is in charge of the activities schedule. He is responsible for coordinating the intellectual events and organising most of the lectures. This means she is constantly coming up with interesting topics and keeping in touch with the lecturers. For questions, remarks, and suggestions, you can always contact him.

COMMISSIONER OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS

The Commissioner of External Relations is in charge of keeping contact with various companies and other associations. She is also responsible for generating income through external partners, such as funds and sponsors. He maintains contact with Club Kiwi, where our Monday evenings take place.

COMMISSIONER OF PR

The Commissioner of PR is the main responsible for promoting the association. The means that she designs posters and flyers for the activities and the SIB in general, spreads the word about our association and maintains the SIB’s website and social media. Through all these channels, she ensures that people get a good impression of all
CONTACT INFORMATION
BOARD 20-21

Below you can find the contact information of all Board members. Due to corona, our office hours are irregular but normally, you can contact us by calling 050 – 363 4674 during office hours or by coming by our office, located at Pelsterstraat 23. On Thursday 27 August, Board 2020-2021 will take office.

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On the website you can find a lot of information about the SIB and its activities. Do you want to know what will happen on a Monday evening? In the event calendar you can find information about the upcoming activities. After activities, drinks, and parties, you can find the pictures on the website as well.

Don’t forget to create an account in order to get access to the members section! Here you can discover the most embarrassing pictures, the Bom-mellijst, the Photo and Quote of the Month, and important documents. The Bom-mellijst is a list on which you can find who made out with whom within the SIB. So you might find your fellow SIBber or even yourself on this list! On the members part of the website you can vote for Photo and Quote of the Month as well. This is an election of the best photo and best quote out of the great heap of amazing photos taken and quotes said the past month.

Important to know is that you can make your own login details for the website, so please do so! It will give you the opportunity to look at all these amazing things that the members part of the website has to offer.

Visit our website: www.sib-groningen.nl!
Every year we have four General Members’ Assemblies, during which the Board updates the members on the work they have done so far and how the association is doing. Members can question the Board’s policy and give suggestions on how to keep the association running effectively. During the first half of the General Members’ Assembly on 30 August, the Board from last year will present their annual report over the year and the new Board will be sworn in. During the second half of the first GMA, the new Board presents their policy for the association. In November, a GMA is held where members can question how the Board is running the association and during which the committees will be installed. In February, the Board can present new policy to the association and in May another GMA takes place where members can once again question the Board. In June we have the last part of the Assembly in order to elect the new Board for the next year. During this GMA, the Preferred Candidate Board will present their individual policies and explain why they are suited for the position. The GMA will have the opportunity to elect them as Candidate Board members.

These events are only for members. GMAs are held in English, but questions can be asked in Dutch and will then be translated by the Board.
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